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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate the Benjamin Mills
4 Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on its
5 100th Anniversary; and

6 WHEREAS, The Daughters of the American Revolution is a
7 national patriotic organization whose members are direct
8 descendants of those patriots who fought in the American
9 Revolution, who with unflinching loyalty served sailors,
10 soldiers, and civil officers, or rendered material aid to the
11 cause of American independence during the Revolutionary War;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The Daughters of the American Revolution is the
14 only women's organization reporting to the United States
15 Congress each year; and

16 WHEREAS, The Benjamin Mills Chapter of the Daughters of the
17 American Revolution was organized on June 5, 1913, by Ms.
18 Charles E. Davidson, who was a Bond City Resident; and

19 WHEREAS, The majority of the 27 charter members were
20 descendants of Benjamin Mills, who served in the Revolutionary
21 War as a private and then 2nd lieutenant, in the Maryland

1 troops, thus it was decided to use his name for the chapter's
2 designation; and

3 WHEREAS, The first Benjamin Mills Chapter officers were
4 Mrs. Charles E. Davidson, Regent; Mrs. George F. Casey,
5 Vice-Regent; Dr. Marie Louise Ravold, Recording Secretary;
6 Mrs. J. Ralph Seamon, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Frank E.
7 Watson, Registrar; Miss Mabel Victoria Wait, Treasurer; Mrs.
8 C.J. Lindley, Historian; and Mrs. E. Parson, Chaplain; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1916, the chapter purchased a 1/4 acre tract of
10 land from Mr. Neumann about 8 miles southwest of Greenville
11 where the DAR Daughters placed a monument at the approximate
12 site of Hills' Fort, built in 1811; in 1928, the chapter
13 unveiled the DAR Madonna of the Trail monument in Vandalia to
14 commemorate the pioneer mothers of the covered wagon days; in
15 1929, a plaque listing revolutionary soldiers buried in Bond
16 County was placed at the north entrance of the court house; in
17 1935, a marker was placed on south 5th Street at the site where
18 Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln spoke in 1858; in 1951,
19 a monument was placed at the site of Perrysville, the first
20 county seat of Bond County; and

21 WHEREAS, At this anniversary date, outgoing Benjamin Mills
22 Chapter Officers are: Cynthia McAlpin Hunter, Regent; Veronica
23 Hunter Schraer, Vice-Regent; Virginia Whitlock Wise, Chaplain;

1 Jeanette Dothager, Secretary; Jessie Thomas Maas, Treasurer;
2 Karen Dewey Bauer-Reelitz, Registrar and Historian; newly
3 elected Benjamin Mills Chapter Officers for the Centennial
4 2013-2015 term are: Jeanette Dothager, Regent; Lisa Marie
5 Williams Stephens, Vice-Regent; Virginia Whitlock Wise,
6 Chaplain; Diana Lynn Williams Sanders, Secretary; Jessie
7 Thomas Maas, Treasurer; and Karen Dewey Bauer-Reelitz,
8 Registrar and Historian; and

9 WHEREAS, The Benjamin Mills Chapter sponsors Good
10 Citizenship Awards at the high schools in Bond and Fayette
11 counties, American History Essay contests, and school and
12 community flag/veteran programs; it promotes support for
13 veterans, celebrations of patriotic holidays, and presents the
14 flag of the United States of America to civic organizations;
15 they sponsor Hills' Fort Society, Children of the American
16 Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution Schools, and
17 many national and special committees; and

18 WHEREAS, At all chapter meetings, the Benjamin Mills
19 Chapter begins each meeting ritual with a prayer; they recite
20 The Pledge of Allegiance, The American's Creed, and sing The
21 Star Spangled Banner; as a Daughter of the American Revolution,
22 each daughter makes an oath and accepts the duty to: love our
23 country, support The Constitution of The United States of
24 America, obey its' laws, and to respect its' flag and to defend

1 it against all enemies; and

2 WHEREAS, The Benjamin Mills Chapter of the Daughters of the
3 American Revolution will mark its 100th year anniversary on
4 June 5, 2013, through a celebration luncheon and grave marking,
5 in Bond County; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate the Benjamin Mills Chapter of the Daughters of
9 the American Revolution on celebrating its 100th Anniversary
10 and wish the organization and its members continued success;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the Benjamin Mills Chapter of the Daughters of the
14 American Revolution as a symbol of our esteem and respect.